

recognition. They have said that they are willing to work with the people of Vermont, as they have done in years prior, and stated that they have nothing to fear from the tribe.

The Abenaki are willing to work with the state of Vermont, but it appears as if the state of Vermont is unwilling to work with the Abenakis, the People of the Dawn, the people who have lived in Vermont for thousands of years. It is time that these people receive the recognition they deserve. The state of Vermont must be willing to give them a chance to prove who they are and what they stand for.

Chief April Rushlow has stated, "We're the only race in the United States who has to prove who we are." She was right. Chief Rushlow also said, "We're here when it is convenient for the state of Vermont." Once again, Chief Rushlow was right.

#### HONORING SUMNER COUNTY EXECUTIVE THOMAS MARLIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

##### HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sumner County Executive Thomas C. Marlin on the occasion of his retirement from government service. I consider him to be a good friend of the Clement family and appreciate his dedication to the people of Tennessee and Sumner County in particular.

An outstanding public servant, Marlin was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1952–1956. Upon returning from his tour of duty, he worked in the private sector at the telephone company for some 22 years. During this time he became active in county government, serving as election commission chairman, county coroner, and county magistrate, respectively.

In 1976 he was elected Assessor of Property where he served honorably for 18 years. He was also an active member of the Board of County Officials Association and was elected President of the Tennessee Association of Assessing Officials by his peers across the state. In 1988, he was named Overall Outstanding County Official of the Year for the entire state of Tennessee.

Marlin ran for and won the office of Sumner County Executive in 1994, a position from which he will retire this month after working relentlessly to make various improvements throughout the county, including upgrading the county road system. Additionally, he has been an active participant in community and civic organizations within the county throughout his life.

Marlin and his wife of 46 years, Nancy, are members of Hendersonville Church of Christ and have two children and four grandchildren. In his leisure time he enjoys fishing and University of Tennessee football.

As a county executive with a solid open door policy to the citizens of Sumner County, Marlin's motto has always been, "It is a pleasure to serve you."

May he be commended for his tenure of public service and enjoy his retirement.

#### KLUGERS RECEIVE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

##### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the well-deserved recognition that my friends Allan M. and Sue Kline Kluger will receive from the Anti-Defamation League on May 8, 2002, in Plains Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The Klugers will receive the League's 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award.

Allan is the president and founder of the Wilkes-Barre-based law firm Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C. He is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Amherst College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He is a member of the board of directors of Luzerne National Bank, Bertels Can Company, King's College, the Valley Auto Club, Bloomsburg University Foundation, F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, Northeast Pennsylvania Ethics Commission and the Luzerne Foundation. Mr. Kluger is also on the board of directors and executive committee of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

He has received the following honors: B'nai B'rith Outstanding Citizen Award, Ethics Award given by Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Wyoming Seminary Distinguished Service Award, Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award, and Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award presented by the Greater Pocono Northeast Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Sue, a graduate of Goucher College and College Misericordia Graduate School, has served as the executive director of Leadership Wilkes-Barre for the last 20 years. Leadership Wilkes-Barre brings together existing and emerging leaders from throughout Wyoming Valley and exposes them to the problems and challenges of their community and motivates and encourages them to assume leadership roles in community affairs.

She has received the following honors: Woman of the Year, Sisters of Mercy; Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award, National Society of Fund Raising Executives; Preceptor Award, National Association for Community Leadership; National Director of Who's Who in Executive and Professional Women; United Way of Pennsylvania, Volunteer of the Year Award; Alumni Medallion, College Misericordia; B'nai B'rith Distinguished Service Award; Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania; U.S. Postal Service Honoree for Women's History Month; Northeastern Pa. Council of Boy Scouts Honoree, Salute to Northeastern Pennsylvania Women; and Athena Award, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce Award for Outstanding Business Women.

Sue is also on the board of directors of Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, the Diversity Institute and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry. She is a trustee of Wyoming Seminary and a member of the Northeastern Regional Advisory Board of PNC Bank.

Allan and Sue have three children, Attorney Elizabeth Kluger Cooper of Great Falls, Va.; Attorney Joseph E. Kluger, Allentown and Wilkes-Barre; and Lawrence Kluger of Mechanicsburg. The couple also has four grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the service to the community of Allan and Sue Kluger and this well-deserved award, and I wish them all the best.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, 2002, official business on the other side of Capitol Hill caused this Member to unavoidably miss roll call vote 128 (H. Con. Res. 271, expressing the sense of the Congress supporting the National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month). Had this Member been present he would have voted "aye."

#### WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

##### HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to young Americans who have penned essays describing the ideals and characteristics that they believe make this country great. These essays, entitled "What America Means to Me," are particularly impressive because they were written by elementary students at The Joseph Little—Nguzo Saba Charter School in West Palm Beach, Florida.

The following 4th and 5th graders are to be commended for their inspirational works: Alia Bougouneau, Diandra Buchanan, Simon Calixte, Diriki Geuka and Stewart Scott. These students have indeed impressed their fellow students, teachers and the surrounding community.

The dreams expressed by these students are dreams common to every American but I find it remarkable that these students have, at such a young age, already grasped the essential strands that weave our country together with great strength. Our country is one that has always thrived on the support of its citizens and, now more than ever, this support is integral to our nation's might. I am most pleased to honor these young Americans for their show of support to the country they love. Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect Congress' appreciation for their efforts.

#### MINNESOTA MOURNS THE DEATH OF LLOYD DUXBURY, JR.

##### HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 8, 2002*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a Minnesota legislative giant who served our